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# *Do you know what to do in an emergency???*

## WHY TAKE THE CERT TRAINING?

Well, its like paying for car insurance. You might never need it, in fact, you hope you won't. But if the occasion arises, having the CERT training, just like having car insurance, means you are as ready as you can be to help yourself, your family, and your neighborhood in an emergency situation.

Class members receive 18 hours (1 night a week for 6 weeks) of initial training. CERT training is provided free of charge to Nassau County residents who are 18 years or older.

Classes are taught throughout the year in various locations around the county. CERT members are trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations, among other topics. You will learn how to prepare for emergencies, what supplies you should have in your house, how much food, how much water, and most importantly, how to protect your family in an emergency!

It is important to know, if a major disaster occurs, the FD, EMS or Police may NOT be able to come! They will be deployed first to major incidents such as collapsed or burning buildings etc. That is why you constantly hear, YOU must be prepared to take care of yourself. In the CERT course it is said:

**"The Greatest Good for the  
Greatest Number of People."**

When you are trained, you are far more equipped to deal with your circumstances without needing aid from outside sources.

**Take CERT Training For:**  
**Yourself**  
**Your Family**  
**Your Workplace**  
**Your Neighborhood**

## CERT Course Class Topics

- Personal & Family Preparedness
- Hurricane Preparation
- Disaster Preparedness
- Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Medical Operations
- Medical Triage
- Damage Assessment
- Fire Suppression
- Fire Chemistry
- Hazardous Materials
- Utility Control
- Light Search & Rescue
- Full Disaster Simulation



## If a major disaster occurs, do you...

- Have enough supplies for a minimum of 72 hours for all family members, including pets?
- Know how to turn off your gas, or other utilities including water and electricity?
- Know how to apply first aid?
- Have enough water for all your family and pets?



CERT classes are organized under the  
Nassau County

Office of Emergency Management.

You can sign up for Basic Training at :

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1622/Community-Emergency-Response-Team-CERT>

We invite you to browse the Nassau County CERT website to find valuable and instructive information.